

Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Governing Board Meeting

January 12, 2022, 1:00 P.M.

Lee County Human and Veteran Services

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Barbara Short CareerSource SWFL
Carolyn Johnson Goodwill Industries SWFL
Danyale Kinney The New Beginnings of SWFL
Kim Hustad Lee County Human and Veteran Services
Lue Richardson Veterans Affairs
Marcia Davis Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
Maria Auguste Lee Health
Robert Tabor Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN)
Stefanie Ink Edwards Community Cooperative
Tara Martinson Centerstone of Florida
Therese Everly Lee County Homeless Coalition
Tom Felke Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)

Other Present:

**Lee County Human
And Veteran Services**

Staff Present:

Clare Molloy
Mark Tesoro
Tim Gillmore

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I. Call to Order

Carolyn Johnson, Co- Chair

- a. Welcome and Board Roll Call
 - Mark Tesoro reviewed the list of attendees. He stated there was not enough for a quorum.

- b. Members Absent with Excuse
 - Adina Bridges Park Royal Hospital absent without an excuse
 - Carl Baxter BCW Consulting absent with an excus
 - Daniel Kruse Providence Family Life Center absent without an excuse
 - Eduardo Gloria Catholic Charities absent without an excuse
 - Jennifer Nelson City of Cape Coral absent with an excuse
 - Jerod Murphy Advocate absent without an excuse
 - Karen Hawes Advocate absent without an excuse
 - Linda Hafner United Way absent with an excuse
 - Matt Visaggio Visaggio and Co. absent with an excuse
 - Sheryl Soukup Residential Options of Florida (ROOF) absent without an excuse
 - Terryn Streets The Salvation Army absent without an excuse

Public Comment: None

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes*(November)

Carolyn Johnson, Co- Chair

- Tabled until next meeting

III. Governing Board Membership Update –

Mark Tesoro

- a. Sharon Rozier – Retirement (City of Fort. Myers)
 - Sharon Rozier will be retiring from the City of Fort Myers. This will open a seat on the board. They are looking to add members to the board that represent the Community in a way that is reflective, of who they serve.

- b. Board Composition – Review/Recommendations to Follow

IV. Severe Weather Outreach/HOT Team Update –

Mark Tesoro

Severe Weather Outreach:

They have a standard plan to activate their Outreach Team when the weather reaches below 40 degrees. They are in close communication with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on a

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regular basis who will trigger that activity. If they do get alerted it means the weather will be cold for an extended period of time.

There are several things that must be considered. Not only will it be 40 degrees but how long and what part of the day does it affect.

Example:

- If its late in the evening or morning they know it's going to warm up quickly during the day, the team may not be activated.

- If they know its going to be a 40-degree evening, being cold for some time, they would be activated.

They have the availability to send text messages out to clients in case of an emergency. They received permission from clients that signed up to participate in their Coordinated Entry program.

HOT Team Update:

The HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) is always active. They participate with them on a regular basis by reaching out to clients, talking to clients, and making sure they have opportunities beyond enforcement and trespassing.

They just recently developed an ap called Housing Units Gathered by Outreach (HUGO). Its currently in the beginning stages. They have asked clients to put this ap on their phones so when they are out in the community and see signs for rental units or if they interact with a landlord, they can take a picture and it will drop a pin of the location. They do a report once a week and send to individuals trying to identify housing.

V. Lee County Homeless Coalition – General CoC Membership

Therese Everly

The Lee County Homeless Coalition works closely with the Florida Coalition to end Homelessness. It's a State organization that puts forward three State priorities in their legislative session, which is currently going on. It's to fully fund the Homeless Challenge Grant currently at \$3.18 million. They were able to increase their staffing grant by \$600,000. \$355.5 million to fully fund affordable housing and work force housing. \$95 million for the State Department Incentive Loan (SDIL). \$220.5 million for State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP).

The Events Committee:

- January 29th the 21st Annual Homeless Services Day & Veteran Stand Down
- January 29th there will be a feeding program in the evening at Lions Park to count individuals.

Data Committee:

They are working diligently to support the Performance Evaluation and Ranking Committee (PERC) work, which is then brought to this board for voting approval for funding projects.

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Resource Committee:

They developed a Homeless Survival Guide with the partnership of Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)

There has been discussion about a Thrift Shop Program to support individuals and families that were previous homeless and now being housed through the Rapid Rehousing Program with household items.

They started a pilot program email distribution list with their Rapid Rehousing Case Managers that does the direct housing through donors that are going through the Homeless Coalition.

VI. NOFA Process/ARP Update
Clare Molloy/Jeannie Sutton

They recently had two Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) go out in December and ends the month of January. The Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) will be ranked together at a meeting January 19, 2022.

Their first Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) is for Case Management of Supportive Services for individuals experiencing homelessness. The funding for this was \$1 million from Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Home Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). They received 9 applications only 8 applications were eligible.

- Catholic Charities
- Center for Progress of Excellence
- Affordable Home Ownership Foundation
- Community Assisted and Supported Living (CASL)
- Jewish Family and Children Services
- St Vincent De Paul
- Providence Life Family Center
- Lee County Housing Development Corporation
- Refuge Place.

Their second Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) that went out was for Affordable Housing Development and Non-Profit Capital Improvement. There was Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds available, Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Home Investment Partnership Program American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding available. The Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) received 12 applications, Community Assisted and Supported Living (CASL) applied in two separate applications, one for Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and one for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

- Affordable Home Ownership

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- Boys and Girls Club
- Community Assisted and Supported Living (CASL)
- Center for Progress and Excellence
- For Profit Inc.
- Larc
- Lutheran Services of Florida
- River North Properties
- Renaissance Wellness Center
- St. Mathew's House
- Sunrise of Southwest Florida

VII. Data Committee Recommendation – Revision to Data Quality Plan*
Tim Gillmore

They are updating their elements during the new fiscal year standards from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

***Voting for changes will take place though email due to not enough members for a quorum.**

VIII. Strategic Planning Committee Recommendation – Revision to Written Standards*
Mark Tesoro

There are a few changes they would like to make to the Written Standards to keep it accurate and to reflect what they are actually doing within the system. When it starts to get outdated, or they change processes, they try to update the changes into their Written Standards.

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IX. Next CoC Board Meeting March 9th at 1 p.m. –

- a. Reports expected for next meeting -
 - i. PERC Committee Convening - review NOFA Applications
 - ii. Possible feedback from HUD re: CoC NOFO Application Score

X. Adjourn -

Carolyn Johnson, Co-Chair

Maria Auguste made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tom Felke seconded the motion. Motion passed

XI. Post meeting follow-up – Vote to approve items was taken by email to move items forward. The following individuals voted to approve all recommended updates – B. Short, T. Streets, K. Hustad, M. Visaggio, T. Martinson, T. Everly, J. Nelson, L. Richardson, M. Davis, C. Johnson, D. Kruse, D. Kinney, M. Auguste, L. Hafner. Recommendations are passed by the CoC Board 1/18/21.

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***Item Needing Action**

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